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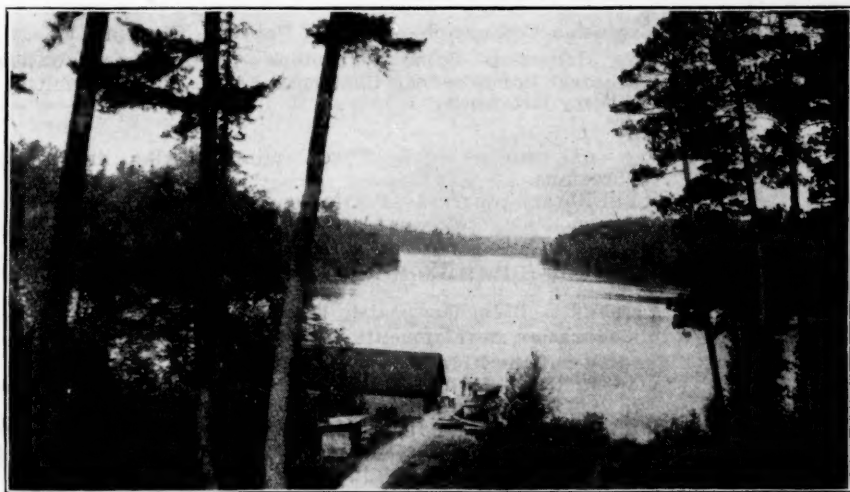
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Lake Itasca, from Douglas Lodge.

Minnesota Library Association

ANNUAL MEETING

DOUGLAS LODGE, ITASCA PARK

JUNE 10-12, 1926

Program

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

- 6:30 Dinner.
8:15 County library play—"Why Not?" by Lake Region Library Club.
8:45 Informal reception—Committee in charge.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Book Program

- 9:30-12:00 **Juvenile Books**—Della McGregor, St. Paul, Chairman.
Inspirational books of the year—Ruth Peters, Duluth.
Informational books of the year—Ellen B. Lawin, International Falls.
Standards in book selection—Grace A. F. Johnson, Hibbing.
Teachers, librarians and book lists—Marion Crosby, Minneapolis.
Adult Books—Adeline T. Davidson, Duluth, Chairman.
Tendencies in recent fiction—Florence D. Love, Faribault.
Informal discussion of some new novels.
Important books of the year—Non-fiction—Nelle A. Olson, Buhl.
What people want—Maria C. Brace, St. Paul.
- 2:00- 4:30 **Round Tables.**
- 8:15 **Address**—Some Dangers in the Wealth of Reading Matter for Young People—Mary Ellen Chase, University of Minnesota.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

- 9:00-11:00 **Business Meeting.**
Reports of standing committees.
Education Committee—Elizabeth Scripture, Chairman.
Membership Committee—Maud van Buren, Chairman.
State Documents—Gertrude Krausnick, Chairman.
Election of officers, etc.
- 11:00-12:30 **Library Extension Committee**—Clara F. Baldwin, Chairman.
Library Extension—Some next steps—C. B. Lester, Wisconsin Library Commission, Chairman, A. L. A. Committee on Library Extension.
- Discussion.
Stories of county work—Three minute talks from county librarians.
Hospital library progress—Perrie Jones, St. Paul.

SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE

- Mrs. Jenny L. Blanchard, Little Falls, Chairman.
Adult education developments—Gertrude Glennon, Stillwater.
"Weeding out the library"—
1—Fiction—Jean P. Stewart, Wadena; Amy Hanscom, Willmar.
2—Non-fiction—Nelle A. Olson, Buhl; Mrs. G. A. Goss, Anoka.
3—Children's Books—Ethel S. McCubrey, Moorhead; Mrs. J. C. Parker, Blackduck.

- 4—Magazines—Amy A. Lewis, Fergus Falls.
- 5—Pamphlets—Mrs. Cora C. Wade, Park Rapids; Mrs. W. H. McCart, Detroit.
- 6—Newspapers—Ruth VanDyke, Coleraine; Mrs. H. H. Allison, Aitkin.

Mending demonstration—Lillie C. Lilliequist, Eveleth.

CATALOGER'S ROUND TABLE

Amy C. Moon, Chairman.

Cataloging periodicals for the small library.

Katherine Foster, Minneapolis Public Library.

Library of Congress subject headings, old and new.

Edna L. Goss, Minnesota University Library.

Normal school problems in classification and cataloging.

Reports from librarians of teachers colleges in Minnesota.

Forthcoming manuals and text-books on cataloging.

Mrs. J. T. Jennings, St. Paul Public Library.

A question box on cataloging problems, including filing, classification, etc.

Please send questions to Amy C. Moon, St. Paul Public Library, any time before the June meeting.

TRUSTEES ROUND TABLE

Mrs. Emil Zeh, Thief River Falls, Chairman.

The responsibility of the library trustee

Library policy—Service to the community. . . . Mrs. H. W. Froehlich, Thief River Falls

Financial Problems. . . . Mrs. H. W. Bertelsen, Fergus Falls

Points in the Library Law which every trustee should know—General Discussion.

College Libraries Round Table—Harold Russell, University of Minnesota, Chairman.

Owing to the commencement season, it is probable that no formal program will be arranged.

The program speaks for itself, with emphasis on the vexing problem of book selection and enlarging opportunities of library extension. Miss Chase, who is the evening speaker, has written some successful books for girls and has a new novel in press, besides a number of short stories to her credit. She is vitally interested in the problem of reading for young people, and we are fortunate in having her with us as she is leaving soon to join the faculty of Smith College. Mr. Lester, as chairman of the A. L. A. Committee on Library Extension, will bring to us the plans of that committee and the broader aspirations of the Anniversary Year.

The managers of the Lodge have made us a very attractive rate, and it is hoped that the call of the north woods will be heard by a large representation of librarians and trustees. It is an ideal place to get together for conference and recreation.

Itasca Park in June!

Hotel Reservation. Douglas Lodge offers a special rate of \$3.00 a day for those attending the meeting. Make reservations direct with Robert E. DeLury, Arago, Minn., at the earliest possible date.

Transportation. Itasca Park is reached by the Great Northern road to Park Rapids or Bemidji. Round trip summer rate from the Twin Cities to Park Rapids, \$9.20; \$6.58 one way.

Those preferring to go by bus may leave Minneapolis at 7:00 a. m., reaching Douglas Lodge at 4:30. Bus fare to Douglas Lodge, \$6.75.

Those desiring to go by bus from the Twin Cities, please notify Adra Fay, Librarian, Franklin Branch, Minneapolis, Acting Secretary, so that ample accommodations may be provided.

Membership Committee

The membership committee hopes to report at the state meeting a decided increase in the membership of the M. L. A. Librarians are urged, first, to join the Association and after setting the example, to line up their assistants in the same cause. The question should not be "What can we get out of this?" but "What can we put into this," and by "putting into" we mean more than the mere membership fees. We mean enthusiasm for library progress in the state by giving of our ideas and experience. The programs of our state meetings are stimulating, but even better than these are the personal contacts and the exchange of experiences.

Our slogan is "Every librarian and every library assistant in the state a member of the M. L. A. in 1926."

Membership Fee. Individuals—\$1.00, the first year, 50c each succeeding year. Registration fee for members attending the conference (except new members joining in the current year), 50c. **Institutions**—\$2.00 first year, \$1.00 each succeeding year.

MAUD VAN BUREN, Chairman.

SUMMER LIBRARY COURSES

The announcement of courses in library training at the University summer session has been issued.

Four courses are offered in the College of Science, Literature and Arts:

Cataloging, by Ruth Rosholt, head, catalog department, Minneapolis Public Library. Lectures, discussions and problems in the fundamental processes of making a sample dictionary card catalog. (2 credits, 6th hour)

Classification, by Margaret R. Greer, Librarian, Central High School, Minneapolis. The Decimal Classification as applied to small libraries. The use of subject headings and their relation to classification. (2 credits, 7th hour)

Reference, by Frank K. Walter, Librarian, University of Minnesota. Selection and use of typical reference material. Lectures, problems, discussions. (3 credits, 4th hour)

Selection of Books for Children, by Della McGregor, Chief Juvenile Department, St. Paul Public Library. Principles underlying the selection of books for children. Lectures, discussions, reports, assigned reading. (3 credits, 3d hour)

In the College of Education, two courses are offered:

School Library Organization and Administration, by Alma Penrose, Librarian, University High School. Instruction in making and using simple library records, keeping books in order and repair, with practice in preparing books for shelves, mending, etc. (3 credits, 1st hour)

Selection of Books for the School Library, by Miss Penrose. Aims to give practical acquaintance with a variety of literature for adolescents. (3 credits, 2d hour)

Credits towards a Bachelor's degree will be given to students with at least two years credit of college work. Others who are employed in regular public or school library positions, may be admitted as "no credit" students on presentation of satisfactory evidence of ability. Their credentials must be approved by the Library Division of the State Department of Education, St. Paul. Application for admission to these courses should be made as early as possible.

All the above courses will be given in Room 5, The University Library Building, in the quarters designed for the permanent library school. The courses offered are of high standard, and it is hoped that a large registration will encourage the University authorities in making them a part of the regular curriculum.

Mankato Teachers College. A course in School Library Methods, giving two quarter-hour credits, will be offered by Emma Wiecking, Librarian.

The aim is to familiarize the student with the essentials of library organization and usage, adapted to the needs of the elementary school. Emphasis will be placed on the selection of books and methods of using the library. Practical work following the discussion of each problem will constitute an important part of the course.

St. Cloud Teachers College. A course in School Library Methods, giving one term credit will be offered by Edith E. H. Grannis, librarian. The course deals with the school library, its organization, the study and choice of its books and its use.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Four million dollars has been set aside for library purposes, payable over a ten-year period, by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

One million is to endow a graduate school of librarianship in some great university, yet to be named. Another million is to provide an annual income which will be used to aid other library schools. The third million is for general endowment of the American Library Association. The income will be used by the Association in promoting the extension and development of library service.

The fourth million will be used in carrying on the general activities of the Association and in aiding library schools until the three million endowment, in cumulating capital grants, is completed.

In a statement explaining the grant, Pres. F. P. Keppel, of the Carnegie Corporation, expressed the hope that this would specifically enable the Association to develop more intensively the small library service. "Of all his benefactions the one nearest Mr. Carnegie's heart was the small library," said Dr. Keppel.

In announcing the acceptance of the million dollars given for the endowment of the American Library Association, Charles F. D. Belden, President of the Association and librarian of the Boston Public Library, states that this gift is to be considered as the first contribution toward the endowment fund which the Association intends to raise in this, its fiftieth anniversary year.

Fiftieth Anniversary

The latest report of the anniversary fund gives a total pledged or paid of \$27,384.87, of which Minnesota's contribution was \$915. Plans for the exhibit at the Philadelphia Exposition are going forward, and it is hoped that everything will be in readiness for the opening date of the Exposition, June first.

The exhibit will include a model children's room and a model collection of 500 books representing a part of the new A. L. A. Catalog. A similar collection of 2,000 adult books is being prepared. The miniature Chinese book cart, recently pre-

sented to the American Library Association in recognition of Dr. Bostwick's trip to China, will be on display. There will be a printing press in operation, turning out booklists and circulars. The Special Libraries Association will show various types of work by an electric display machine. Hospital service and work with the blind as well as methods of book binding and mending will be shown both by displays and demonstrations. An immense electric map of California library service has been promised. It is hoped that these displays will attract casual visitors to the A. L. A. space from other parts of the building and present a well-rounded exhibit of the whole field of American library service.

Posters and Placards

The American Library Association is publishing, according to announcement, a poster and four placards. They tell the story of the A. L. A. and the library movement. They are for the use of local libraries in connection with their library exhibits during the 50th anniversary year.

The poster will be beautifully printed in four colors. It represents a classic figure holding aloft in one hand the A. L. A. symbol. Grouped at the foot are library patrons of various types: children, men, women, artisans, immigrants, etc. The background is a map of North America, showing libraries scattered from coast to coast. At the top is a caption "PUBLIC LIBRARIES: an American Contribution to Civilization," and at the lower edge, "50 Years: American Library Association: 1876-1926." The placards harmonize in style and have descriptive captions.

The production cost of the posters and placards will be met from the Fiftieth Anniversary Fund. The A. L. A. will distribute the posters to institutional members of the Association and to other libraries which have contributed to the Anniversary Fund. It will also attempt to provide one set of the poster and placards for any other library which requests it. Libraries which are not institutional members of the A. L. A. and which have not contributed to the Fiftieth Anniversary Fund, but which desire a set of the poster and placards should make request promptly of A. L. A. Headquarters, 86 East Randolph Street, Chicago, or of the Library Division, Minnesota Department of Education, St. Paul.

Copies of the posters and placards will be accompanied by information about how they are to be used and about prices at which extra copies may be obtained.

A. L. A. CONFERENCE Atlantic City-Philadelphia October 4-9, 1926

Plans for the program of the Fiftieth Anniversary conference in Atlantic City and Philadelphia are beginning to take shape.

It is expected that registration of delegates will begin Sunday afternoon, October 3, and tentative plans are being made for a conference sermon on Sunday night by a distinguished speaker. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be given over to meetings in Atlantic City, Wednesday and Saturday are set aside for Philadelphia, the anniversary session on Wednesday, and excursions on Saturday. There will be six general sessions, two of them devoted to international affairs and others taking up the work of various sections. The section meetings are being reduced to the minimum and section chairmen are co-operating with the program committee in selection of speakers.

Hotels

Hotel reservations should be made as early as possible. Headquarters of the American Library Association will be at the Ambassador. The League of Library Commissions has chosen the Ritz-Carlton as head-quarters.

Hotel Rates. The rates per day for rooms at the Ambassador and Ritz-Carlton are: Double rooms, \$4, \$5 and \$6 per person; single rooms \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, and \$10, European plan—all rooms with baths. Rates per day at the Chelsea are \$6, \$7 and \$8 per person, American plan.

All the hotels are on the board walk. Hotels not on the board walk and at slightly lower rate will be listed in a later A. L. A. Bulletin.

Information about reduced railroad rates, for which application has been made, will be given in a later issue of the Bulletin.

ENDOWMENTS FOR LIBRARIES

The statement on Library Endowments, prepared by the A. L. A. Committee on Library Revenues, and published in the March number of Library Notes and News, has been printed in a very attractive form under the title "Remember the Library."

Some librarians are planning to distribute copies in their own communities—to men and women who could afford to make generous gifts to the library; to those who might remember the library in their will; to lawyers who help people to make their wills; to trust companies who help in the making of wills and in administering estates; to members and former members of the library board.

They may be obtained of the A. L. A. Publishing Board at the following prices: 4 copies, 50c; 12 copies, \$1.25; 20 copies, \$1.75; 100 copies, \$5.50.

On the following page is a table of Library Endowments in Minnesota, as far as information is obtainable. If any librarian has additional information to be added, the editor of the bulletin will be most grateful to receive it.

LIBRARY ENDOWMENTS IN MINNESOTA

Name of Library	Amount of Gift	Source	Date Received	Terms	Approximate Annual Income
Alexandria Public Library	\$5,000	F. B. van Hoesen	1907	Income for library purposes	\$300.00
	2,000	Senator Knute Nelson	1925	Income for books on history and biography	120.00
Austin Public Library	50	Ladies' Floral Club	1924		
	2,500	Tag Day, conducted by Delphians	1925	Income for books	178.50
Granite Falls Public Library		Rice Magazine Fund	1924	Income for magazines	25.00
Leroy Public Library	25,000	Ole Reirson	1924	Not settled	
Minneapolis Public Library	6,000	Mrs. Mary Heaton	1921	Income for books	340.00
	5,000	E. M. & E. R. Johnson	1923	Special book fund	212.50
Minneapolis Athenaeum, Lands valued at	190,000	Kirby Spencer	1870	Income for books	10,000.00
	4,000	Isaac Atwater	1908	Income for books	260.00
(increased to 6,000)	5,000	E. M. Johnson	1923	Income for books	275.00
Minneapolis—University of Minnesota		Anonymous		Promised annual fund for recreational reading. (Arthur Upson Room)	
Owatonna Public Library	16,500	Mrs. Elisha Hunewill	1898	Income for books	900.00
	100	Business Women's Club	1924	Income for children's books	6.00
	142	Owatonna Little Theater	1924	Income for books on drama	6.00
	653	Beethoven Society. (The original sum of \$138, on interest for about 20 years, turned over as Gutterson Memorial Fund	1925	Income for music scores and books about music	40.00
Rochester Public Library (15,000 has been paid)	20,000	Walter Hurlbut	1905	Income for books	1,000.00
	5,000	George Healy	1895	Interest or principal for books.	
Stillwater Public Library	1,000	Ella A. Smith	1925	No restrictions	
Winona Public Library	2,700	Mrs. Sarah A. Murdock	1919	Income for books	118.00
	5,000	W. H. Laird estate	1913	Maintenance of building, donated by W. H. Laird	
Worthington Public Library	1,000	A. M. Welles	1923	Income for books on history and civics	287.00
					100.00

WHO ARE YOUR LIBRARY DONORS?

The American Library Association is asking for help in compiling a list of names and addresses of all people now living who have made gifts of \$1,000 or more to or for libraries, or for any kind of library work. We have compiled as complete a list as possible from our records, but we do not want to overlook any one, and librarians are urged to send in such names and addresses **at once. Please do it today.**

The list will be used in connection with the Fiftieth Anniversary activities.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY LAWS

Points which every librarian and every trustee should know.

For the convenience of library boards and librarians, the following digest of the important points in the library law in popular parlance has been compiled, with references to the section in the latest compilation of Minnesota Statutes (General Statutes, 1923). It will answer the questions most frequently asked, and serve as a basis for discussion at the Trustees Round Table at Itasca Park.

Establishment—A public library may be established by vote of the council at any time, and a county library by vote of the county commissioners. If these bodies do not see fit to establish a library, the question must be submitted to vote, if fifty free-holders petition. If two-thirds of the votes on this question are in the affirmative, then the council is required to establish the library and levy a yearly tax for its support (G. S. 1923, 5661, 5662).

In cities and villages of less than 2,000 people, not levying a tax for public library purposes, the school board may maintain a public library and provide ample and suitable rooms for its use in the school building (G. S. 1923, 3017).

Because of the fact that small villages cannot raise sufficient funds to maintain libraries successfully, it is recommended that the county plan be given first consideration in new projects for establishing libraries.

Tax—Councils may levy taxes for library support not to exceed three mills on the dollar in villages and cities under 50,000, and in cities of over 50,000, not more than one mill on the dollar.

Boards of county commissioners may establish a library fund by levying not more than one mill (G. S. 1923, 5661, 673).

Library Boards—Powers and Duties—Boards of nine directors are appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council for three-year terms, and vacancies are filled in like manner.

The powers and duties of the library board are as follows—

Appointment of staff and employees.
Fixing compensation of staff and employees.

Adoption of by-laws and regulations for the government of the library and for the conduct of its business in conformity to law.

Construction of library buildings.

Control of grounds, rooms and buildings provided for library purposes.

Authority to purchase grounds, with the approval of the council, and erect a library building.

Authority to lease rooms for library use.

Exclusive control of all the moneys placed to the credit of the library fund.

All money received for the library shall be paid into the city or village treasury, be credited to the library fund, kept separate from other funds and paid out only upon itemized vouchers approved by the board (G. S. 1923, 5665).

Making an annual report to the governing body of the municipality, one copy of which shall be filed with the Library Division of the Department of Education (G. S. 1923, 5667).

Title to Property—All library property, however acquired, shall vest in the name of the municipality. (G. S. 1923, 5668.)

Free Use—Every library established under this law shall forever be free for the use of the inhabitants of the municipality (G. S. 1923, 5668).

Gifts—With the consent of the council and within the limitations of the law as to taxation, the library board may accept any gift or bequest for library purposes or for the establishment of an art gallery or museum in connection with the library and carry out the conditions of the donation.

The municipality is authorized to pledge itself by ordinance or resolution to a perpetual compliance with all the terms and conditions of the gift or bequest (G. S. 1923, 5669).

In relation to the use of Carnegie buildings, the following extract from a letter lately received from the secretary of the Carnegie Corporation is quoted:

"If a library building is asked for library purposes and it is given specifically for use as a Free Public Library it should not be necessary, assuming the same good faith on the part of the recipient as there was on the part of the donor, to say anything more specific than

that the building is given for a Free Public Library. In these buildings is usually included an assembly or lecture room to supplement directly library work, i.e., lectures, study clubs, and work which is strictly of that supplementary library character."

County Libraries—County libraries may be established by Boards of County Commissioners in two ways:

(1) If there is no free public library in the county supported by tax, the county board may establish a library, levy a tax of not more than one mill and appoint a board of five directors, whose powers and duties shall correspond to those of a board of directors of a free public library in a city or village.

The board of county commissioners is also authorized to submit the question of the establishment of a county library to vote, upon the petition of 100 freeholders of the county. If the majority of votes cast on such question are in the affirmative, the board shall establish the library, and levy a yearly tax for its support (G. S. 1923, 673).

(2) If there is a free public library in the county, the board of county commissioners shall make a contract for service with the library board. The Minnesota law does not provide for the establishment of an independent county library in counties where a public library is already established. The county board may levy a tax of not more than one mill on all property in the county **not already taxed** for library purposes. The library fund thus established may be placed under the supervision of the library board to be spent for the extension of the use of the library to the county. Contracts may be made with more than one library, if deemed advisable by the county board (G. S. 1923, 673).

School Library Co-operation—When there is a public library or county library adequate to serve the needs of the school and under the charge of a certified librarian, a contract for service may be made between any school board and the library board and the school library fund, including the state library aid, may be turned over to the library board. The school board and the library board may jointly employ a librarian and she may spend her time partly in the school and partly in the library. This applies to all schools, whether in urban or rural districts, and includes schools in unorganized territory (G. S. 1923, 3020).

By an earlier law (1905, 1913), library boards are authorized to make contracts for service with boards of county commissioners or with governing bodies of any neighboring town, city or village in the same or adjoining counties, and these boards are authorized to enter into such contracts with library boards, and pay the amount agreed upon to the library board (G. S. 1923, 5666).

State's Relation to Libraries—The Library Division of the State Department of Education, which was established in 1899 as the Public Library Commission, has advisory relations with public libraries, and may be called upon by library boards for advice, instruction and conference upon any matters pertaining to library organization and administration. Public libraries are required to make an annual report to the Library Division. (G. S. 1923, 5659, 5660.) There is no state aid for public library work.

The Library Division also operates a state traveling library from which any library in the state may borrow books (G. S. 1923, 5658).

Through state aid for the purchase of books for school libraries, the department of education is given supervision of school library work wherever done and may set standards of service. (G. S. 1923, 3018, 3019.)

For Library Trustees

The Library Trustee is the subject of three articles and several editorials in the *Library Journal* for March 15, 1926. Through the courtesy of the publishers a few extra copies of this number have been sent to the Library Division for distribution to trustees who may be interested.

CLARA BALDWIN LIBRARY CLUB

An all day mending demonstration was conducted by Miss Lilliequist at the Buhl Public Library, on March 20. All the librarians took part with enthusiasm, one with artistic ability trimming up some books with fine tooled backs. The luncheon was prepared by a committee who collected the money from the members and then went marketing and prepared a fine lunch. This was preceded by an April parade with all the spring birds and animals in line. A round table discussion of administrative problems occupied the attention of the heads of the libraries in the early afternoon. About twenty-five members were present.

The next meeting will be held in Chisholm the third Wednesday in May.

N. A. O.

RANGE LIBRARY BOARDS MEETING

The Eveleth Library Board entertained the library boards of the Range at a banquet in the library club rooms on March 23d. The meeting was planned for the purpose of bringing board members into closer relations of friendship, of facilitating an exchange of methods in conducting the work of libraries and of broadening plans of co-operation in serving the Range as a whole. Following the excellent dinner served at the huge round table used by the Rotary Club, a program of music, humor-program was given by Miss Helen Harris

ous readings and talks was given. V. E. Boardman, high school principal at Eveleth, presided, and the address of welcome was given by Solomon Sax, president of the Eveleth Library Board. Clara F. Baldwin, State Director of Libraries, spoke on the library as a public service institution, in which the board of directors represent the owners of the library, that is the people who are the stockholders. She outlined the relations of the board to the community and to the staff, and stressed the need of giving a business like administration with expert service.

Supt. Wesley B. Thurman, of Buhl, spoke on the opportunities of service which were open to the libraries of the Range.

Following the formal program there was a live, informal, discussion, chiefly concerning the topics of library service to outlying communities, and the use of the library club rooms.

Plans for forming a permanent organization were discussed, but no action was taken. Invitations from the board at Coleraine to hold another meeting there in September and from the board at Buhl to meet there in March, 1927, were accepted.

There was an attendance of about thirty-five, representing the libraries at Buhl, Coleraine, Eveleth, Mountain Iron and Virginia.

TWIN CITY LIBRARY CLUB

The spring meeting of the Twin City Library Club was held at the Woman's City Club, St. Paul, Thursday, April 29th. Dinner was served in the main dining room to one hundred and four members and guests. The tables looked very festive with their spring flowers.

A new arrangement in regard to seating was tried out and proved very successful. There were two hostesses, one from St. Paul and one from Minneapolis, appointed for each table and they each selected an equal number of St. Paul and Minneapolis guests (as far as possible) for their table which seemed to create a very sociable atmosphere.

After the dinner the meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Katharine Patten, who reported that a total of \$704.25 was raised in the Twin Cities for the A. L. A. fund for the Sesqui-Centennial. Announcement was also made of the Minnesota Library Association meeting which will be held at Douglas Lodge, Itasca Park, June 10-12.

Miss Patten then introduced Mr. Frederick M. Eliot, of St. Paul, who gave a very interesting talk on the "Uses of Poetry in Contemporary Life."

The guests were then invited to the Lounge upstairs where a delightful musical

accompanied by Mrs. D. A. Mudge and the remainder of the evening was spent informally.

HELEN RUGG,
Secretary-Treasurer.

HOSPITAL LIBRARY MEETING

APRIL 28, 1926

That a hospital may yet be a cheery, friendly home; that splints, iron braces and heavy plaster casts may not interfere with aesthetic dancing, drilling, and general pursuit of happiness; and finally that there is one hospital library in this world which has books in plenty, books that are not worn out, books that meet the moment's need; all this those librarians fortunate enough to foregather at the Gillette State Hospital for crippled children on Wednesday, April 28th, realized.

It was not alone in the charming and gracious library, in the adequate work rooms nor in the beautifully proportioned auditorium that one felt a sort of beatific glow, but rather in the joy of existence which these little crippled mites radiated. That, of course, is due to the superintendent and her hand-picked corps of helpers.

The twenty plus who found their way to Phalen Park arrived in time for the children's play, dramatized, costumed and performed entirely by the patients themselves. Miss Marie Rainey is the librarian-dramatic trainer-teacher who so ably starts the children off on such delightful sprees of effort. This dramatization of "Susanna's auction" was acted with great verve and splendid effect.

There followed a short round of the wards and then we gathered in the reposeful mellow library with its well-hung pictures, its gallant boat model and massive bit of modern wood carving. The late afternoon sun glimmered through the tiny leaded panes and touched to life opened books lying about on the tables. It was then that Miss Carey in her calm understanding, started to unwind the stirring tale of the growing up of this library. She soon tossed the thread of the story to Miss Elizabeth McGregor, the superintendent, who spoke of the early struggle, the championing of their fight by Dr. Gillette, the nonchalance of early legislatures, and between the two narrators, speaking out of their experience, we saw the Dowling Memorial become a reality and we also learned of that poignant pitiful life of another cripple who in spite of terrific physical handicaps which condemned him to a life of intense loneliness, almost utter friendlessness and of suffering from hopeless infirmities; in spite of all this, when still in his teens, started to make his way in the world with \$10 as capital. He died leaving a fortune of \$50,000, a third of which he left to this hospital to be spent

by the superintendent as she saw fit, providing it shall bring pleasure, lighten the hours of these other handicapped.

We sat and sipped our tea and thought of this and that, as pretty young girls, still in costume and make-up, dispensed the necessities of that great civilizing force, afternoon tea. It was a picture and an experience inspiring and deep, that will long remain with every one of us. It was an afternoon of horizons.

PERRIE JONES.

RECENT BOOKS OF MERIT

These books may be borrowed from the Traveling Library for examination before purchase. Librarians may then decide whether these titles are suited to their needs.

NON-FICTION

Fraser, Elizabeth. Woman and her money. Doran, 1926, 1.50. 332

In a simple, readable manner, the safe and profitable ways for a woman to invest her money are here related by a business woman of much experience, supplemented by that of numerous bankers, brokers, etc.

Stern, Renee Bernd. Clubs, making and management. Rand, 1925, 1.50. 367

"This book answers so many questions continually asked of librarians and collects so much elusive material that it will be a first aid at every library desk. Incorporation methods, harmless initiation stunts, club names, mottoes, suggestive essays and speeches are among the many topics considered. Very useful and much needed."—Booklist.

Hood, Frazer. Everyman's insurance. Appleton, 1925, 1.50. 368

"Much useful information on the various kinds of insurance, its principles, rates, workmen's compensation, computation of premiums and numerous other items. Clear, concise and well-written."—Booklist.

Goldstein, Harriet Irene and Goldstein, Vetta. Art in everyday life. MacMillan, 1925, 3.50.

"Useful and instructive book on the application of the principles of balance, design, symmetry and good taste to dress and interior decoration. Excellently illustrated from photographs, drawings and diagrams."—Booklist.

Bartlett, Alden Eugene. Least known America. Revell, 1925, 2.50. 917.8

"Interesting information about out-of-the-way towns in New Mexico and Arizona, the fishing towns of Newfoundland, little-known places in New England and some of the small islands of the West Indies."—Booklist.

James, Will. Drifting cowboy. Scribner, 1925, 3.50. 917.8

"Seven vivid sketches describing cowboy life, written in cowboy vernacular. The spirited illustrations by the author are the outstanding feature of the book and are exceptionally good."—Booklist.

D'Angelo, Pascal. Pascal D'Angelo, son of Italy. MacMillan, 1924, 2.00. 921

"Story of the Italian youth who spent his days as water carrier for a pick and shovel gang and his nights in studying the English dictionary and acquiring a fine vocabulary."—Booklist Books.

Sugimoto, Mrs. Etsu Inagaki. Daughter of the Samurai. Doubleday, 1925, 3.00.
921

How a daughter of feudal Japan, living hundreds of years in one generation, became a modern American, told with humor, pathos and delicacy of feeling.

FICTION

Cameron, Margaret. Sporting chance. Harper, 1926, 2.00.

A rollicking story about Percival Galahad Brazenose, who lives up to his middle name in his efforts to live down his impossible first and last ones.

Gibbs, Sir Philip Hamilton. Unchanging quest. Doran, 1926, 2.00.

"The tragedy of reconstruction in post-war England, Germany and Russia, as reflected through the members of an English family."—Booklist.

Hale, Mrs. Louise Closser. Home talent. Holt, 1926, 2.00.

Beginning with a community theater group of players, the heroine is followed to New York where she meets many interesting people of the stage in the pursuit of her career as an actress.

Knibbs, Henry Herbert. Sungazers. Houghton, 1926, 2.00.

An adventure story that will appeal to men and older boy readers.

Millin, Mrs. Sarah Gertrude. Mary Glenn. Boni, 1925, 2.00.

"Character study of a woman whose life is a series of poses and affectations, until tragedy recalls her to reality."—Wisconsin Library Bulletin.

Phillips, Gordon. High explosive. Dodd, 1926, 2.00.

In which it is thought a man has unwittingly swallowed a deadly explosive. Frantic efforts to find him create many amusing situations in this well-told story.

Singmaster, Elsie. Bred in the bone and other stories. Houghton, 1925, 2.50.

"Ten short stories of the Pennsylvania Dutch, giving glimpses of their usually quiet lives and their quaint religious customs."—Book Review Digest.

Thompson, Sylvia. Hounds of spring. Little, 1926, 2.00.

"An English war novel lifted out of the ordinary by excellent writing and mature reflections surprising in so youthful a writer."—Wisconsin Library Bulletin. Miss Thompson is 24 years old.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NEWS

How Traveling Library collections may act as a nucleus about which a small library may be organized is related by Miss Nelle Olson of the Buhl Public Library. She writes: "I helped unpack and arrange one of your libraries on Saturday evening out at the Brown school, nine miles north of Chisholm. They had asked me to come out and talk at the opening of the library, which I was, of course, glad to do. They have a little room with a good book case and large table, and are getting books from Chisholm as well as you. They are also securing papers from the exchanges of the Chisholm or Hibbing papers. They plan to make it a reference collection for their club workers, and high school students and depend upon the Stuntz bus, the State De-

partment and the Chisholm library, and we hope later the St. Louis county library, for their fiction, etc."

Rose Creek has also borrowed a Traveling Library to supplement its small collection at the beginning of its public library organization. By thus creating an interest in books and reading and making felt the need of further library service, the movement for county libraries may be fostered and encouraged as the best means for serving country borrowers. Traveling Libraries may thus act as feeders to the growing interest in county libraries.

Requests for club libraries for next year are beginning to come in now. Although these libraries are not sent out until the first of September, it is best to get the request in early as that assures a good collection of books and gives time to order new books for any special subject. The Library Division has a list of one hundred subjects on which club libraries can be furnished. This list will be sent in a short time to the librarians. It is hoped the librarians can get the clubs in their towns to decide on their subject for next year's study and if a library is needed will notify the Library Division as soon as possible. It might be suggested to the clubs that they have book reviews of some of the interesting new non-fiction such as the biographies in the list at the end of this section. The Library Division will lend these for the regular period of two or four weeks.

An interesting magazine which has come to this office is the April issue of the Call of the North, Minnesota's story magazine. The April copy is a Twin City number, with articles and pictures about these two cities, also of Grand View Lodge, Duluth, biographical sketches of Minnesota pioneers, native industries and Minnesota as a summer resort, accompanied by numerous photographs. The May number will be the Arrowhead issue. This magazine is published by the Call Publishing Company, 114 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis.

Many of the posters furnished by the National Child Welfare Association, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City, are suited to library purposes and are inexpensive. One set of ten, dealing with Books and Childhood, is especially worthwhile concerning such subjects as Reading Aloud, What Good Books Do, What Bad Books Do, How to Select Books and World Brotherhood. Other series illustrate the national holidays and children from many lands. These posters are most attractive, eyeletted for hanging and average in price, sixty cents each.

A new American Library Association annotated list is entitled Aids to Laughter, books recent and not so recent which are of cheerful tone. It is a four-page pamphlet 6x9 inches, and sells for 25 cents per ten copies.

Librarians may borrow from the Traveling Library copies of the new Gold Star list, 1821-1926. This list includes stories by Canadian authors, also. We shall be glad, too, to send out the three maps by Paul Paine which have proved such a success. They are—Map of Good Stories (the United States), Map of Adventure for Boys and Girls (a world map) and the Northward Map of Truthful Stories (Canada and Alaska). A special display of each map, together with the books appearing on it, always arouses much interest and enthusiasm.

The latest Reading with a Purpose outlines are Philosophy, by Alexander Meiklejohn (April 1), American Education, by William F. Russell (May 1) and Poetry of our own times, by Marguerite Wilkinson (June 1). Patrons of small libraries, which cannot afford to purchase all the necessary titles, may still follow the interesting reading suggested. The books listed in these and the previous series may be borrowed from the Traveling Library.

Following are some of the new titles added to our open shelf collection, any one of which we shall be glad to send to libraries in the state.

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FICTION

Galsworthy, John. Caravan.

"Some of the author's finest work will be found in this collection of short stories."

Norris, Charles Gilman. Pig iron.

Mr. Norris's version of big business and the business man.

NON-FICTION

Patrick, George Thomas White. World and its meaning.

"Summarizes clearly and helpfully the conceptions of various philosophical thinkers."

Russell, Bertrand. What I believe.

"What he thinks of man's place in the universe and of his possibilities in the way of achieving the good life."

Gesell, Arnold Lucius. Mental growth of the pre-school child.

"The emphasis throughout is on the normal aspects of behavior."

Overstreet, Harry Allen. Influencing human behavior.

"How the principles of modern psychology can be used to make each individual more effective in his particular environment."

Austin, Mary. A small town man.

The revised and complete form of "The Man Jesus," which was originally published with the final and most vital chapter missing.

Locke, Alain LeRoy, ed. New negro.

"Here is included work by every young American negro who has achieved distinction or fame in the literary world."

Mearns, Hughes, ed. Creative youth.

The interesting results achieved in Lincoln High School, New York City, in setting free the creative spirit of the pupils.

Ward, Robert De Courcy. Climates of the United States.

"Readable book on an interesting theme by a man who knows his subject."

Kaempffert, Waldemar Bernhard. Popular history of American invention. 2v.

"Experts in the various fields of engineering and industrial arts have contributed."

Bryant, Lorinda Munson. Children's book of celebrated bridges.

"Contains full-page photographs of famous bridges and a page of descriptive text for each picture."

Blake, Clinton Hamlin. Acquiring a home.

Here are explained the legal relationships of architect, client and contractor.

Perkins, Jeanette E. Amateur poster maker.

Full of helpful hints to the beginner in poster making and lettering.

Cortissoz, Royal. American artists.

"Impressions of the most significant figures in American painting."

American-Scandinavian Foundation. Scandinavian art.

Beautifully illustrated book. "This book is definitive. It leaves almost nothing to be added."

Poems teachers ask for.

Two volumes of miscellaneous verse which is often in demand.

Wood, Clement. Poets of America.

Biographical and critical studies with many quotations.

Dickinson, Thomas Herbert. Playwrights of the new American theater.

Brief studies and a discussion of new experiments in dramatic forms.

Galsworthy, John. Plays; sixth series.

Contains The forest, Old English, The show.

Drinkwater, John. Robert Burns.

Episodes in play form from the poet's life, including many of his most popular songs.

Thomas, Lowell Jackson. First world flight.

"A gallant book by gallant men."

Niles, Blair. Black Haiti.

The fascination of life in Haiti, in unforgettable word pictures.

Barbour, Ralph Henry. Let's go to Florida!

"Timely book of information, written in easy, popular style."

Murphy, Thomas Dowler. Seven wonderlands of the American West.

About Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Zion, Glacier and Crater Lake national parks and the petrified forests of Arizona.

Grey of Fallodon, Lord. Twenty-five years. 2v.

"One of the most valuable books yet called forth by the war."

Paine, Albert Bigelow. Joan of Arc. 2v.

"A story as far as possible in her own words and that of her contemporaries."

Sandburg, Carl. Abraham Lincoln, the prairie years. 2v.

"Aside from its value as a biography it is an important piece of creative writing."

Stanard, Mary Newton. The dreamer.

The life of Edgar Allen Poe in story form, in the light of recently revealed letters.

Quick, Herbert. One man's life.

An especially fine autobiography.

Wright, Mabel Osgood. My New York.

The charming reminiscences of an interesting woman.

Jesuits. Jesuit relations and allied documents; travels and explorations of the Jesuit missionaries in North America.

"An interesting and important book."

Sullivan, Mark. Our times. v.1, 1900-1904.

The leaders, forces, events, issues, changes and important people of this swiftly moving epoch, profusely illustrated with photographs and cartoons.

FOR SALE

Atlantic Monthly, (black buckram) v. 133, (1924) \$1.25.

Charities, v. 16-21 (bound in half morocco), \$7.

Good Housekeeping (bound in white oil-cloth), v. 44-56 inclusive, 75 cents per v.

Larned—History for ready reference, 7 v. (old ed.), \$5.

Palgrave—Dictionary of political economy (old ed.) 3v., \$3.

Maud van Buren, Librarian,
Public Library, Owatonna, Minn.

Bacon—Children's catalog supplement 1921.

Cutter Table—two figure ed. (much worn but still good).

Larned—History for ready reference, v.1-5 inclusive, c1893.

National Education Association. Addresses and proceedings, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1908, 1909, 1911, 1914, 1917.

New International Encyclopedia, ed. 2 c1914. Red cloth, vol. 8 missing.

Edith E. H. Grannis, Librarian,
Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minn.

Globe-Wernicke sectional catalog cases

42 drawer section (in 3 units) light oak finish

42 drawer section, golden oak finish.

Florence D. Love, Librarian,
Public Library, Faribault, Minn.

PERSONAL

Margaret Evans Huntington, who recently died at her home in Northfield, was best known for her educational work at Carleton College, and as one of the organizers and first president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. It is fitting, however, that special mention should be made in **Library Notes and News** of her service to the library interests of Minnesota. As chairman of the Public Library Commission from its establishment in 1899, until it was merged with the State Board of Education in 1919, her public service was notable for its high ideals, broad view of the importance of libraries, loyal support of the staff in all its activities, wise counsel and faithful devotion to the duties of the position.

May Smith, Illinois Library School, 1926, who has had several years experience in the libraries of the University of Illinois, has been appointed head of the loan desk in the Hibbing Public Library, and will begin work after her graduation from the Library School in June.

Nora Koehler, a former teacher, has been appointed librarian at Zumbrota, succeeding Edith Farwell, resigned.

Lucy Condell (Drexel Institute Library School) has been appointed librarian at the United States Veterans Bureau Hospital No. 101 at St. Cloud. Miss Condell has been in hospital library service since 1923, and was formerly assistant at the Veterans Hospital, Maywood, Ill.

Mrs. W. E. Talboys, who has been an assistant in the Chisholm Public Library for the past seven years, died from internal injuries and shock received when she was struck by an automobile.

Blanche Seger, formerly librarian at Winnebago, died on March 26th. She was librarian of the public library from its earliest organization by a group of women, for a period covering about 25 years. The library board adopted a resolution of appreciation in memory of her faithful service.

Seven of the staff of the Minneapolis Public Library will spend their vacations in Europe this year. Miss Countryman, Miss Todd, Miss Prest and Miss Berry go together. Miss Hutchinson is going with her sisters and Miss Encking with her sister. Miss Hobbs goes with a party.

Mrs. Earl Christmas, of the St. Anthony Branch Library, who has been spending a month with her mother in Oklahoma City, attended the South Western Librarians' Convention in Tulsa, Okla.

Jean Stewart, librarian at Wadena, went to California in February for a six weeks vacation.

Mrs. Agnes Serle, librarian at Fairmont, spent the months of April and May visiting her sister in California.

Elizabeth Scripture, librarian of the John Marshall High School, Minneapolis, is one of the instructors in a special summer course in library training for high school librarians offered at Syracuse University. She will give courses in library administration and book selection.

Miss Pauline Field, who has been doing temporary work in Sioux Falls, S. D., has gone to Madison, Wis., to take the place for about three months, of the Reference Librarian in the Traveling Library Department of the Commission.

Radio talks on the library have been given over WCCO during the past few months. Miss Baldwin spoke on March first on "Books for Everybody". Under the auspices of the P. T. A. Miss Wood gave a talk on "Books in the Home". On April 29th, "A Book Wagon for Every County" was the subject of a talk prepared by Miss Countryman and read by Ethel Berry, in Miss Countryman's absence.

At the Editors Short Course at the University of Minnesota on May 7th, Miss Baldwin spoke on Library Service for Rural Communities.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

NOTE—Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. These should be real news items, indicating some progress, or new plan which may be suggestive to other libraries. Notes should be sent to the Director of Libraries by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Anoka—"Our public library" was the subject of a talk given by Mrs. James Goss, librarian, at the Methodist Church on a Sunday evening in February. The talk was one of a series on "Community Assets."

The Kiwanis Club is planning a library benefit to raise money for needed repairs on the library building and purchase of books. All the women's clubs in the county have been asked to co-operate in furnishing the program.

Brainerd—Gifts amounting to \$75 were received for the purpose of furnishing the children's room. Two tables, 26 and 30 inches high, are being made by a local cabinet maker and chairs will be purchased to match.

Chisholm—Standard library furniture to the amount of \$600 has recently been purchased. A clean hands case, with glass doors for the children's room, also tables and chairs; some new shelving and typewriter desk for the main library.

Cloquet—Instruction in the use of the library has been given to all of the English classes in the high school, by Ruth King, librarian of the Shaw Memorial Library. The course consists of two lectures, and one day's work in the library, with problems in the use of the catalog, arrangement of books on the shelves and possibilities of the reference room.

Deerwood—The Civic League of Deerwood gave a tea for the benefit of the library at the home of Mrs. T. F. Cole. The program consisted of dramatic readings by Mrs. Burnett of Brainerd, and musical numbers by a sextet from Crosby.

Duluth—Plans for the Lester Park Branch, costing \$15,000, have been drawn and construction of the building has been authorized by the city council.

The reference department has compiled a list of material on the mayor-council, commission and city manager forms of government in view of the future special election in the city for a return to the mayor and aldermanic form of government. A complete collection of material on the Great Lakes waterway project is being made.

The librarian, Adeline Davidson, gave a talk at the model home during Better Homes week in Duluth. Her subject was Selecting Books for the Home.

Fairmont—The Women's club, Travel class and History club united in putting on a benefit movie at the Strand, to raise money for children's books. The net profits were \$224.55.

Faribault—During spring vacation week, the library was closed four days for the taking of inventory. The total circulation for the past year, including high school and grade collections, numbered 62,506, a 24 per cent increase over the previous year.

Two new catalog cases for both adult and juvenile catalogs have been purchased and a new vertical filing cabinet has been ordered.

Grand Marais—The proceeds of a dance and tea, given the week after Easter, amounted to \$85.

Miss Baldwin visited the library in April to assist the librarian in bringing the records to date and meet with the board. A traveling library has been sent and an order for new books made out.

Hibbing—The men's reading room in South Hibbing has had a larger attendance during the past months than ever before, with a daily average in February of 125 readers. In addition to the reading room, numerous clubs and organizations are making use of the auditorium.

Mankato—A list of books on Building, House decoration and furnishing and Gardening was mimeographed for distribution at the Builders' Show in March.

Through an arrangement with one of the local papers, space for library notes has been given on Saturdays, and a series of book lists and short articles has been prepared.

Mapleton—A Booklovers club has been started in the Mapleton Public Library. Any one paying 25 cents a month becomes a member and this money is used to buy more books. Membership is restricted to twenty. The first ten books were given by H. C. Hotaling. After the books have been read by all the members, they are given to the library to be placed on the open shelf.

Milaca—The public library, which has been started by the Home Civic Club, is open to the people in the country as well as the village. About 100 books have been obtained by gift and purchase and a traveling library of 50 volumes has been secured. The library is open from three to five on Saturday afternoons in charge of the Library Committee of the Club.

Minneapolis—The Thirty-sixth Street Branch of the Minneapolis Public Library has been named the James K. Hosmer Branch in honor of Dr. Hosmer, former librarian and now librarian emeritus.

Plans for a branch library near the Roosevelt High School, to cost not over \$25,000 have been made. The present branch is located in the Roosevelt school and this room will have to be vacated next September.

Montevideo—One thousand dollars, was bequeathed to the Montevideo public library by the trustees of Windom college when the board members met to wind up

the affairs of the old school, at one time the outstanding educational center of western Minnesota. The bequest will be given to the library on or before January 1, 1927, to use as they see fit, although board members expressed the desire that part at least should be used for books.

The library will be redecorated during the summer.

Moorhead—One of the vocational talks to the High School senior girls was given by Ethel S. McCubrey, librarian of the public library, on Librarianship as a profession.

Owatonna—Recent gifts received by the public library are \$65 from the Twentieth Century Club for the improvement of the children's department; a picture of Rheims Cathedral, showing the interior and Rose window, from C. H. Rosebrock; \$35 from the manager of the Metropolitan Theater, who gave a benefit performance and style show. Numerous gifts of books have also been received.

Princeton—On February 9, 1926 the Parent-Teachers' Association of Princeton staged the play "The first year" for the benefit of the library, from which they realized \$200. This money has been used for the purchase of new books. At the April meeting of the P. T. A. these books were on exhibit and a short talk was given by Mrs. Lulu Owens, the librarian, on children's reading. She urged the parents to take upon themselves the direction of their children's reading and outlined briefly a course which the parent might follow to keep continuously before the child the best literature for his age, thus forming his reading habits early in his life.

Red Wing—The library was closed two weeks in April while it was being completely redecorated, including the children's room in the basement. It now presents a very pleasing appearance.

In March, the members of the Art History Club held an exhibit of thirty Medici prints in the children's room in the library. This exhibit was first shown to the various clubs of the city and was then opened to the public.

The children of the public schools were invited by grades and the pictures were explained to them by some of the club members. The exhibit proved to be very successful judging by the number of people who attended and by the appreciation expressed. It is planned to hold a similar exhibit next year.

One of the pictures, "The Boyhood of Raleigh" was purchased by the club and placed in the library to be loaned to the schools for picture study. Since then five other carefully selected pictures have been added to this to be loaned in the same way.

Rochester—Talks on books have been given to the Nurses Training Schools by the librarian, Miss Hickman. At St. Mary's

Hospital, the subject was Books for nurses and at the Kahler Hospital, Book-therapy.

St. James—The public library has been removed from its former location to the city hall building recently vacated by the fire department apparatus.

St. Paul—At the February staff meeting of the St. Paul Public Library, Dr. Mabel Ulrich told of her adventures with authors and booksellers during her last trip to Europe and Morocco. In March Mr. E. H. Davidson, managing director of the Citizens' Alliance of Ramsey and Dakota counties, gave a stimulating talk on "The librarian and America's problem." Mr. G. J. Caldwell of the Northwestern Trust Company addressed the staff in April on "Principles of safe investment."

A music contest was conducted under the direction of the Children's Room of the St. Paul Public Library, March 7-April 17.

A collection of musical instruments was exhibited through the courtesy of Dyer Brothers music store of St. Paul. There was a beautiful harp topping the card catalog case, drums and a cello on the book shelves, a case containing flutes and bassoons, oboes and many other instruments together with a display showing the steps involved in the making of a violin at the rear of the room. Mrs. Bucklin of the Hancock School gave her Saturday mornings to the telling of the tales of troubadours and minnesingers immortalized by Wagner in his operas. Mr. Kyle, of Dyer Brothers, gave a series of interesting talks on the different types of musical instruments in the orchestra family and Mr. Morton, of the House of Hope church, who, during the past summer visited most of the important bell towers of Belgium, held the children spellbound with his stories of bells and carillons of the cathedral towers of Europe. The music contest itself covered a wide field. Every competitor kept a note-book and it is on the results of their research and originality of presentation that their achievements are to be marked. For example, they are to find out and tell how the scale was invented and to give the story of the violin, flute, French horn and drums. A short account of the interesting bells, carillons and chimes of well known churches was given to arouse the competitors' interest, followed with research questions on this type of music. The four members of the orchestra family were given due attention, as was also the harp and the organ. In conclusion there were the stories of the lives of the famous musicians of the world. These began with the stories of the troubadours, minnesingers and mastersingers and extended down to the modern composers and musicians. From this latter group the children could select two in whose work they were especially interested and tell the story of their lives as composers and the contributions which they made to the history of music.

The prizes are always an interesting feature of a contest and the prizes offered the winners of this contest are especially worth while. There are twenty-five book prizes waiting for the competitors whose work is adjudged the best. Additional credit is to be given those who send in original music, or instruments they have made. St. Agatha's Conservatory of Music was so well pleased with the work of the little girl competitor who won the scholarship in the music contest two years ago that they again offered one to the contestant whose work shows the most originality this year.

Not all of the approximately fifteen hundred contestants will complete their work, nor can all win a prize, but the effort they have made and the musical appreciation that they have gained through their own study and the lectures attended is well worth while.

St. Peter—The Women's Literary Club presented a mahogany wall clock to the library at a regular meeting held in the library in March. The gift was formally presented by Mrs. E. E. Miller, president of the club and accepted by M. R. Davis, president of the library board. The usual program of current events, a book review and music followed.

Sauk Center—The Gradatim Club presented a picture to the library, which hangs over the mantel piece in the reading room. It is a hand colored reproduction of "A Woodland Lake" by Von Siel, handsomely framed in green and gold.

COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Hennepin County Librarians' Institute

Any one listening in to the round table of Hennepin County librarians at Mound on May 1st must surely have been convinced, if he had any doubt before, that the "County library means use of books everywhere in the county."

Librarians from all but one of the 19 county branches came by bus or car, and assembled in the pleasant public and school library in the Mound Consolidated School. Miss Ethel Berry, the county librarian, presided, opening the meeting with some instructions as to regulations needed to give the best service to all. She then called the roll of branches and each librarian responded by describing some interesting piece of work she had done, or some method of publicity which had been successful. Mrs. Frank Dominick, of **Glen Lake School**, told of "eaves-dropping" to find out what was going on in the community and supplying the needed book at the right time. There was the farmer with a consignment of 500 baby chicks, which were dying at too rapid a rate; the man who was trying to put together a Ford from the relics of two old ones; and a "nervous" man who was supplied with an

interesting story to the everlasting gratitude of his wife. She had obtained a book on raising turkeys for the woman who was ready to tackle that ticklish job. Following the suggestions in a book on home decoration, the P. T. A. had promised to make cretonne shades for the library room.

Miss Amanda Johnson, of **Maple Plain**, reported that Weaver's Thousand ways to please a family had solved the problem of the woman who never could make hot cross buns. A sample of the product was brought in by the grateful patron.

The branch at **Bloomington** is in the Consolidated School, and Mabel Johnson, the librarian, told of the delight of members of the High School Glee Club, who were going to Northfield to take part in a music contest, when she showed them pictures of the Carleton campus, and especially of the beautiful Skinner Memorial Chapel where the contest was to take place. There she found in the college catalog.

At **Champlin**, the librarian, Mrs. W. H. Stout, is particularly interested in the farmers. Farm bulletins on the same subjects are clipped together by snap clothespins, with the subject neatly labelled on the handle. She also told of supplying material for the students who attend high school in Anoka across the river.

Miss Margaret Brooks, of **Crystal Bay**, reported that her branch occupied very crowded quarters in the school building.

Mrs. R. H. Lucas, of **Eden Prairie**, described a pageant put on at the P. T. A. meeting to get the adults interested. Eight children were dressed to represent different books.

At **Edina**, Mrs. C. R. Vinson, told of one patron who spends the winter in a large city, returning to Edina and finding at once the New Decalogue of Science for which he had been waiting all winter. She had borrowed from the Minneapolis Library 92 clippings on artists to use in connection with an art exhibit. The Reading with a Purpose outline on music entitled Ears to Hear had been used at a meeting of the Grange with the result that a Glee Club has been organized. The Parent Teacher Association was using the reading course on Our Children, with The Child: His Nature and His Needs as a text.

Mrs. H. G. Filiatreau, librarian of Heffel-finger Public Library at **Long Lake**, told of the improvements to their building which they are anticipating.

For **Minnetonka Mills**, Miss Louise Burwell testified that the service rendered by the county library, was more prompt than was possible from the Central Library in Minneapolis. She is collecting magazines from her friends and giving the pictures to the primary teachers.

Mrs. F. W. Jeske, of **Minnewashta**, is also president of the P. T. A. and reported a new interest in children's reading on the

part of that organization. She was also supplying material for the programs of the Society of New England Women.

The branch at **Osseo** is in the town hall, and handicapped for lack of sufficient room, according to the report of Mrs. Rosalie Killmer.

Miss Frances Pollard, librarian at **Robbinsdale**, is rejoicing in a charming new building. To advertise the library in the village, notices had recently been mailed with the electric light bills.

The assistant librarian at **St. Louis Park**, Miss Frances Connor, reported that their work is largely with the high school students.

At **Stubbs Bay**, where Mrs. J. G. Maxwell is librarian, the library is in the town hall, which is a social center and used for a variety of purposes. There is such a demand for Western stories, that when the book wagon comes around, the automobiles are parked waiting for the first chance.

One of the problems of Mrs. G. R. Bickford at **Wayzata** is the summer resident. Her plan of charging a deposit of one dollar to be returned at the end of the season was approved. Her question brought up the subject of a uniform county library sign, also posters for use in summer hotels.

The librarian at **Excelsior**, Mrs. William Bardwell, occupies a small room in the Community House, where the summer is the busiest time. In winter the work is chiefly with the children and high school.

Mrs. J. E. White, librarian at **Mound**, explained her plan of filing clippings and magazines. The magazines for the past two years, are kept in pamphlet boxes, and back numbers are stored in another part of the building. Her clippings are filed by subject in a drawer at the charging desk.

The library at **Glen Lake Sanatorium** is a special hospital library in charge of Mr. Henry Prybe. It was organized at first as a part of the hospital service, but has been turned over to the county.

All the librarians and guests were entertained at a delicious luncheon served by the Home Economics department, the daffodil-clad waitresses harmonizing with the table decorations. After luncheon, Miss Hutchinson, Reference Librarian, Minneapolis, gave a most valuable and interesting talk on reference work. The reference librarian must be open-minded and resourceful and forget her own prejudices. She gave a list of indispensable reference books, showing what material could be found in the Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Atlas, World Almanac, Who's Who, Hoyt's and Bartlett's book of quotations and the Legislative manual. She also gave a strong warning against the cheap encyclopedias which are flooding the market. Miss Baldwin spoke on What the Public Library means to the Community. She outlined the state plans for library extension, telling of

the organization of many small libraries in the past, and saying that the ideal of making books accessible to all is best realized through the county library, with its many branches and greater resources to draw upon. She congratulated the librarians present on being part of so efficient a system, where such a high standard of service obtained, as was evident from the reports. The public library should be the intellectual center of the community, where people naturally turn for information on anything they want to know about. She urged them to encourage their patrons to "Ask the Librarian" since it was always possible to obtain the answer through the reference service at headquarters. The library should also be the social center of the community, a place for wholesome recreation, co-operating in every effort which contributes to the welfare of the community.

Miss Wood spoke on What the Library Means to the School, reading first from the very useful leaflet issued by the American Library Association, "The School Library, a Necessity in Modern Education." That "No school of any grade, whether it be the elementary school or a great University is properly equipped unless it has a well organized library"; that "A school library is a collection of books, periodicals, pamphlets and pictures grouped and arranged for use, administered by someone who knows how to make books serve both pupils and teachers"; that "It is the laboratory of every department, in which boys and girls may acquire a knowledge of how to use books and the most valuable of all habits—the habit of reading"; and that "The well equipped, properly administered library is the heart of the school it serves" are principles that should be understood in every community. The securing of an enthusiastic librarian in charge of a unified collection with the ability to instruct the pupils in its use; the library's relation to class work, to extra curriculum activities, to the parent-teacher association and to the individual problems of pupils, parents and teachers were stressed.

Library Service at the Ramsey County Jail

Since the organization of the Branch Division as a distinct department of the St. Paul Public Library in 1915, the aim of the library has been to serve through branches or stations all residents of the city who are unable to reach the main library building. In the development of this extension program various institutions were visited and all available information pertaining to number and type of inmates procured.

Among the institutions investigated was the Ramsey County Jail where we found a small group of men and a few women whose average residence was limited to three or four days. We discovered that a large bookcase conveniently placed accommodated a marvelous collection of books

whose appearance and content would have deterred the most eager seeker after knowledge. These books were odd volumes of Greek and Latin Classics, some in English translation but more in the original text. The third volume of Grote's "History of Greece", with a broken back; Dante's "Paradiso", minus its cover; besides several volumes of Shakespeare's plays, mutilated beyond recognition, were a few of the serious tomes that stood side by side with the "Rover Boys", the Dotty Dimple and Elsie Dinsmore series which had found their way into this most amazing collection. We were privileged to dispose of these books after promising to send a group of live titles which would give greater pleasure to the inmates of the jail; and the wardens agreed to allow the prisoners access to them whenever they wished anything to read.

This plan was fairly satisfactory until one day the population of our county jail increased to astonishing proportions. The change took place after the passage of the Eighteenth Constitutional Amendment. A survey made by Miss Carey, State Supervisor of Institutional Libraries, revealed the fact that the average number of inmates at this time was eighty, and that many of these were serving federal sentences which might reach a period of eleven months or more. It then became apparent that our small case of library books was not sufficient for the needs of the inmates and we arranged to give a more generous and personal service. The sheriff was willing to give us a free hand in the matter, his only stipulation being that he would not be responsible for any lost books.

Assuming that the average layman is unfamiliar with the interior arrangement of such institutions, we shall take the liberty of describing the Ramsey County Jail as a typical example. In our building there are four floors, each having two or three wards. After being admitted behind the six inch iron ward doors one finds an open space of about eight feet and then the inner partition of bars separating this corridor from the ten or fifteen cells which are arranged in each ward.

As we enter a ward with our library books the men congregate inside this iron grating and we place our books between the bars for their inspection; and since there are several horizontal irons, we are able to display as many as seventy-five books.

The men are allowed as many books as they wish at one time. In charging them we use the borrower's name and the date of issue, grouping the cards from each ward with a guide card to indicate the ward and floor number. We also note on the guide card the titles of any books which may have been requested by that particular group of inmates. The book cards are filed

and the circulation counted at the central library, and the books requested are labeled for their special wards.

As we make our weekly visit to the jail we find the men awaiting our arrival with the books which they wish to return placed between the bars. These are removed by our assistant who, after placing the new titles on the convenient display racks, slips the returned books while we charge the new ones. Thus, before leaving the ward, we have a record of the books still out, and the men are requested to find them before we leave. Should anyone wish to keep a book longer, we renew it for another week. In this way we obviate the necessity of making a second round of the building in search of overdue books. Since the jailer usually locks each ward after we have finished our work there, this method is desirable as a matter of co-operation with the jailer as well as being an efficient measure for the library.

This system of filing our book cards, which is used by some librarians in book wagon or hospital service, has resulted in the loss of only four books in three years, and these disappeared when the borrowers were released from jail.

Considering the fact that a book is often read by ten or fifteen men in one ward, we feel that the wear and tear is no more than in any other branch of library service. We have found the fly leaves of books used for games such as tick-tack-too, but, realizing that this was doubtless because of the fact that the men have little or no paper, we have attempted to remove temptation by placing in each book a few library lists which are printed on one side only, hoping thus to serve a double purpose.

We are often asked for books which we are unable to supply from the small collection at hand. All such requests are treated like those left at branches or stations, supplying the books when available from the central collection. A few weeks ago, a young Jewish man who reads omnivorously, asked for a life of Christ in Yiddish, explaining that he wished to settle a discussion which had arisen among his ward mates. We receive calls for books on window displays, advertising, history, and citizenship; also for plays, poetry, rhyming dictionaries, and books of travel; and for many of the classics of fiction; although our greatest demand is for the mystery and western stories.

We were once asked to give private lessons in English to an Assyrian, who explained that after living in the United States for forty years, he had never learned to read or write. He found it difficult, he said, to keep up with the Americanization classes, but was willing to study for one hour each evening with a tutor.

The demand for foreign books is attested by the fact that on one Saturday morning recently we issued books in seven

languages, i.e., Danish, English, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, and Yiddish. At other times we have served natives of Assyria, Bohemia, China, Roumania, and Serbia.

The jailer and wardens who, at first, received "our whim" with only a spirit of tolerance, now welcome us and express appreciation of our work. They seem to feel that with the advent of books among their charges, the problem of discipline has been simplified. The men have become less restless, and if their response to our efforts is any index to the benefits which they gain, our work has not been in vain.

MYRA BUELL,
Chief of Branch Division and
County Library Service.

Washington County—Free books for everybody in the county means but little if books are not suited to each community in which the Traveling Library is placed. From experience, we have found fixed collections impractical and have changed to the open shelf system.

Unquestionably the fixed collection is less expensive to administer, for, when once assembled as a unit, there is no time spent in selection and charging of individual titles. But its disadvantage lies in its very inflexibility. Flexibility of a collection results in a live group of books and no matter how small the collection, great care must be taken that it be a live one. Above all and most important in library service is getting the right book to the right people at the right time, regardless of the amount of work involved from the administrative viewpoint. Service is our greatest asset.

Books sent to each point are selected from the general collection with the needs of the particular community in mind and with the help which the various requests from that community have offered.

Mechanical preparation of the books is the same as used in the general library. Two charging files are essential. One is called "Finding file" and one is the "Station file." Different colored cards are used. I. Blue cards in the "Finding file". On the card is the author, title and accession number. The name of each station and date sent are placed upon the card, thus telling where the book has been and where it is at present. These cards are arranged alphabetically by author.

II. Yellow cards, having the author and title are in the "Station File". These cards are arranged alphabetically by author behind a guide bearing the name of the

branch to which the books are sent, thus showing the books at each station at any time. If additional books on a subject are requested, this file tells readily what books are there already and also shows if any of the books have been retained at the station.

When the books are returned, the card from behind the "Station File" is placed in the book. The book out of circulation has two (2) cards in the pocket—book card and "Station card." In addition a typed list of the books is sent with each shipment, so that it may be checked by the one in charge of the station.

Patrons everywhere are urged to make known their book wants. When questions cannot be answered from Traveling Libraries, people are urged to use the telephone or mail. Before we rest content, every home in the county must be the recipient of the library benefits.

GERTRUDE GLENNON, Librarian,
Stillwater Public Library.

The County Library play—Why Not? was given with great success at the meeting of the first district in Owatonna under the direction of Miss Maud van Buren, at the meeting of the third district in Zumbrota, by members of the Kenyon Round Table, also at the meeting of the seventh district in Montevideo by the Zetetic Club of Benson. It will be given at Itasca Park by the Lake Region Library Club.

Books Everywhere

"The public library is by far the most economical agency through which the people may supply book service for themselves. But equal opportunity for library service for city and country requires the use of some agency which includes both city and country. Such an agency is the county. In Wisconsin, counties may provide library service for themselves. This does not mean an expensive library building. County service needs only centralized quarters for obtaining, preparing and distributing books. County service means use of books everywhere in the county.

"County library service is cheap because it spreads the cost over a wide area and many people. It is democratic because it provides equal opportunity for all, both in city and country. It is effective because it is large enough to provide adequate service and small enough to give real service quickly wherever it is needed."—C. B. Lester, Wisconsin Free Library Commission, in The Capital Times.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

NEWS FROM SCHOOL LIBRARIES

(Items for this column are urgently requested from all school libraries and public libraries doing school work. Pass on your ideas.)

Albert Lea—"Better Homes Week" occupied the thoughts of the English classes in high school for two weeks. The library was the source of most of the material needed in the writing of themes. A group of books, which deal with better homes, was put aside for the use of the students interested. A large number of magazines were also available. It was the aim of the library to interest all the students in this project. Miss Spooner was very willing to help anyone and did much to make this work a success.

The school library is making progress in equipment also as the extract from the local paper shows.

"The library of the local high school is proud of its up-to-date equipment. The catalog is the newest and most modern of the many conveniences of this department. The wood, varnish and finish of this cabinet are made especially for schools. In this particular catalog the cards are held in place by small steel rods which run through holes at the bottom of the card. These cards give information about the author, title, and subject matter of the book which is on the shelf. The catalog is also used in finding a book which is on the shelf, if the classification is not known to the student.

"Many of the cards used were printed at the Congressional library at Washington, others were typewritten by the librarian.

"It is seldom that a school library has a complete catalog as it is complex and takes a great deal of time. The catalog is coming to be used more and more by the students as they become familiar with its operation."

Anoka—The course of library lessons in the Anoka schools has been carefully organized by the school librarian, Miss Lillian E. Olson.

Detroit—A play "The Magic Box" on the subject of traveling libraries, written by Mrs. Christmas, now of the St. Paul library staff, and secured from the Oklahoma Library Commission was given at a high school assembly in Detroit, Friday, April 23d. While the play is better suited to a junior high school, the older students enjoyed it. The school library is growing so rapidly that the librarian, Miss Mildred Kalheim, is wondering where to put all of the books.

Duluth—The New Denfeld High School at Duluth has a very attractive library with work room and storeroom adjoining.

Eveleth—At Eveleth an addition to the high school will include a well equipped, carefully planned school library.

Fergus Falls—Approximately two hundred students have taken the library course. Miss Selma Hogenson, the school librarian, was taken ill with inflammatory rheumatism in January, and obliged to leave. Her place was supplied by Miss Emelia Hoorn, of Fergus Falls, who is doing efficient work. Miss Hogenson expects to return to her duties in September.

International Falls—International Falls had an increase in circulation of 5,021 from August, 1925 to March, 1926, over the same period last year.

Library lessons are given so that each pupil will be taught in the seventh, ninth and eleventh school years. The aim has been to make the children familiar with the resources of the library, desirous of using them, and independent in their search for material. The lessons were a part of the English course, and the teachers co-operated very generously by dividing the classes to the best advantage.

Northfield, Carleton College—Establishment of the Cordenio A. Severance library of political and social science has just been effected by the board of trustees of Carleton college, Northfield, as a memorial to the late president of the American Bar Association and internationally known attorney of St. Paul.

A bequest of \$100,000 from the late Mrs. Severance made the memorial possible.

It is built around the private, but extremely large, book collections of both Mr. and Mrs. Severance. The social science collection already owned by Carleton college will be added and the total library will number about 11,000 volumes.

Mr. Severance was always interested in the welfare and support of Carleton college and because of this his widow left the necessary instruction in her will for the memorial.

Carleton College plans to offer courses in library science so that the state requirement for high school librarian may be met by those taking the work.

Olivia—The grade school principal at Olivia took the summer library course at St. Cloud and as a result has a very excellent elementary school library in her building. It was a great satisfaction to find the books so well arranged that in a few moments the titles needed for a county institute talk could be located.

Red Wing—Mrs. Amanda Anderson, school librarian, Red Wing reports the purchase of 280 books of which 100 were for the juvenile department.

In the fall, she gave a course of four lessons on the use of books and book talks in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. To all the English classes of the ninth grade, she

gave ten library lessons. A collection of twenty books has been sent to each grade for over night circulation. These books have been changed every two months. An effort has been made to have certain books read in certain grades. The response has been very gratifying. The difficulty has been lack of copies. There has been a decided increase in circulation at the High School Library.

St. Paul, Hamline University—Library science will be added to the curriculum of Hamline University next fall. The 1926-27 bulletin of Hamline just issued makes the following announcement regarding the new course, which will be given by the librarian, Anna C. Lagergren.

"This course is planned to give an elementary knowledge of library methods and to aid the student who wishes to qualify for teacher-librarian. The subjects include: book selection and evaluation, ordering of books, accessioning, cataloging, classification, book numbers, shelf-listing, loan systems, reference work and library administration. Instruction will be presented in lectures and discussions, followed by practice work, which will involve actual library experience. Assignments in library work will cover the essential phases of library routine and will be supervised by the librarian. This laboratory method will enable the students to test the theories discussed in the class room, as well as give them a sense of responsibility to the public by efficient service within the library. Because so much depends upon the spirit in which library work is undertaken and the personal fitness for it, an interview with prospective candidates is required.

"Elective for juniors and seniors. Class limited to 12. One hour lecture a week, four hours practice."

Tower—The school librarian at Tower, Miss Hauptert is doing good work even though the present quarters at the back of the assembly room are not ideal. Plans for improved service are in the air.

Tracy—The increase of space in the high school building at Tracy will allow for an expansion of the library quarters. Ample space for books and pupils today and for future growth is the policy of this school.

Waseca—There were lent from the city school library in April, according to the report of Miss Ruth Labbitt, the librarian, 1,005 volumes—as follows: fiction 543, nonfiction 462. Leading in interest among the new books for adults, are the three volumes of the Life and Letters of Walter H. Page. These volumes are the gift of the Civic Improvement League.

The library is open to every resident of Waseca and the surrounding country, and it is hoped as time goes on that greater use of it may be made by adults.

RURAL WORK AND COUNTY INSTITUTES

The enlarged program of year round county institutes has meant more rural library work for the Library Division. Miss Baldwin and Miss Wood have done institute work in 33 counties during the year. Miss Wood, also, gave five talks on the "History of the Book" and "Good Books to Read," to the 600 boys and girls attending the Annual Short Course at the University Farm.

Chisago County—Chisago county has recently completed the classification of its rural school libraries. During the days in which the county superintendent and institute instructor were visiting schools, the libraries were found to be in discouraging disorder, and, as usually follows, but little use was being made of the books.

In the teachers' conference held after these visits two hours were given to this problem. In the first hour, the condition of the libraries was presented to the teachers and a challenge given them by the county superintendent to have all the rural school libraries in the county classified by the first of March. Instructions were given by means of diagrams and books in various classes already classified. Both the new elementary list 1921 and the supplement 1925 were used to point out the excellent helps given there. The teachers accepted the challenge and asked many questions concerning the procedure.

The second hour was devoted to a presentation of books which are helpful in teaching the various subjects and those of a recreational nature. Suggestions were made for reading table materials and special reports from library books.

When the institute instructor returned early in March, the teachers reported all rural school libraries classified with the exception of a few books awaiting help in how to place them. All libraries were well done but the most perfectly organized and neatest work was found in District No. 52, where Miss Olson, a beginning teacher, had arranged over three hundred books.

The most gratifying result was the enthusiastic reports of the teachers who gave interesting illustrations of the increased interest in and use of the books which formerly laid on the shelves untouched.

Koochiching County—In Koochiching county, an attempt is being made by the rural teachers to supplement the study of Geography and History by more frequent use of library books. In the Linford school, as an illustration, an interesting lesson was given in the fifth grade. Miss Tronson was presenting the geography of Minnesota by using the new history book—Buck and Buck, "Stories of Early Minnesota." Each child was assigned an explorer—as Duluth, La Salle, Hennepin—and reported to the class why he came, what part of the state he travelled over

and the settlements made by him. After these had been traced, the class discussed the cities, industries and railroads which have grown up in the wake of these early explorers. Further assignments were given in several library books for reports on Indians, fur traders, Red River Valley farmers and other topics of both historical and geographical interest.

This is only one illustration of many uses now being made of the rural school library. There is a real need for instructors in teachers colleges and other teacher training institutions to stress larger use of library books by acquainting their students with the best books in these subjects.

TWIN CITY SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

At the attractive new Professional Women's Club on April 13th the Minneapolis School Librarians' Club had as their dinner guests Miss Ruth Wright, reference librarian at the Hill Reference Library, St. Paul, formerly head of the Children's and School Department, Newark, N. J. and Miss Margaret Lima, head of the Subnormal work in St. Paul and joint author with Dr. Terman of the recent notable book "Children's reading". School librarians from St. Paul were invited to share the pleasure of meeting and hearing Miss Wright and Miss Lima. There were twenty-six present, an equal number from each city. Miss Greer, president of the club, presided.

Miss Wright gave a most practical and stimulating talk stressing the problem of the selection of fiction for school libraries. She described a co-operative plan of book evaluation used in Newark and emphasized the importance of a personal acquaintance with the point of view of each reviewer. She distributed an outline used for reviewing and two helpful lists, one of books to read after leaving the juvenile department of the library and the other of books which tell facts about authors especially recent writers needed in the preparation of pupil's book reviews.

Miss Lima told of the preparation of the book on "Children's Reading," a by-product of a complete study of gifted children conducted by Dr. Terman. Two years were required for the preparation of the list. She described her relations with Publishers to whom she turned for assistance and deplored the fact that there seemed to be such a dearth of good books on such subjects as the stars, natural history, etc. Miss Lima's book will have a great influence upon the improvement of children's reading and we are glad that she is living among us.

At a recent informal dinner meeting of the High School Librarians of St. Paul Mr. Webster Wheelock, librarian of the public library, spoke on the importance of carrying over into later life the reading habits

which may be cultivated in school years, especially the opportunity which high school librarians have in furthering this. Different phases of these opportunities were discussed and plans laid for a meeting at the public library of the volunteer helpers in the high school libraries. On the evening of May 17th they will listen to Mr. Wheelock and make a tour of the building.

RANGE SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The Range School Librarians' Club met at Gilbert on March 13th. Miss Margaret Briggs, instructor in library science at the Hibbing schools and president of the club presided. After an interesting roll call during which each of the librarians reported on some book that had been of special interest in her school, Mr. Tibbetts, the superintendent of the Gilbert schools, and also Division President of the Minnesota Education Association greeted the librarians most cordially and expressed his interest in the plans for the fall meeting. Miss Nelle Olson of Buhl Public Library gave a very valuable talk on recent fiction. After the business session, Miss Harriet Wood spoke on the plans for the State Meeting at Itasca Park and the national School library program. Very interesting readings were given by two of the high school girls. A very pleasant luncheon served by the Home Economics Department followed during which well executed musical numbers were given by students. Miss Irene Erickson, the librarian and her assistant, Miss Garnet Bordeaux, did much to make the occasion very enjoyable.

The last meeting of the year was held at Ely on May 15th. A delicious luncheon was served by the Home Economics Department immediately upon arrival. Superintendent Englund greeted the guests, and expressed his appreciation of the responsibility of the school librarian in "opening the gates" to the world of books.

In response to roll call, each librarian reported on some outstanding accomplishment of the year. Miss Parr, of Buhl, described the Dramatic Club which has been organized in co-operation with the public library (see March Library Notes and News, page 109) Miss Perry, of Chisholm, reported that her library had been moved from a balcony to a suitable room. Miss Collicott, of Ely, had developed the picture collection with the aid of the teachers. Miss Finn, of Hibbing, said that the Children's Book Week was the most important event of the year and also reported that a new service was being rendered to the teachers by sending them lists of current magazine articles on their special subjects. Miss Patconak reported on the work for the junior high pupils. At Keewatin, Miss Marsh said that the grade children were coming to the library for one period a

week. Miss Hauptert, of Tower, reported that her chief work had been the reorganization of the library.

It was announced that Mr. Cary and Miss Penrose, of the University High School Library, were to be the speakers at the library section of the N. E. M. E. A. in October.

Miss Harriet Dutcher, reference librarian of Duluth Public Library, gave a talk on some Inexpensive Reference Helps for School Libraries, covering the topics most in demand, such as Industries, Minnesota material, Debating, Biography, Costume, Modern writers, Statistics. A brief list of the pamphlet material she discussed is printed on the last page of the bulletin.

Miss Baldwin, of the Library Division, outlined the program of library development in the state as a whole and the relation of the school libraries to it. She stressed the county library as the solution of the problem of library extension and expressed the hope that the training in use of books now given in the schools would develop a generation of "library-minded" citizens who would appreciate the necessity of more adequate support for libraries

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

A casual reading of any issue of Library Notes and News nowadays will disclose the fact that the Parent Teacher Association is becoming a force for the advancement of the library movement in Minnesota.

Librarians appreciate how important contact with parents and teachers is if the children are to be reached. Parents and teachers on the other hand turn to the progressive librarian for direction for she is in touch with the latest and best material on every feature of child study.

A mass of material is pouring from the press which needs to be sifted. Newer books are replacing some of the older ones. Fisher's "Mothers and Children" continues to hold first place, but some critics would substitute Groves' "Wholesome Childhood" for Gruenberg's "Your Child today and tomorrow" written in 1912. In this subject as in others one must read widely and with discrimination.

The state school librarian has given talks on books before the Spooner Parent Teacher Association and the Leaders Institutes at Humboldt High School, St. Paul and at the State Teachers College, Mankato.

The Library Division co-operated with the Wilder Clinic in arranging an exhibit of books for children and parents at the St. Paul Health Day program.

LIBRARY READING REPORTS

The new system of library permits is proving very satisfactory to teachers, librarians and pupils, writes the librarian, Miss Winnie Foster.

Each pupil requesting the privilege of going to the library during a study period calls at the Study Hall teacher's desk for a card, fills in the date at the top (Monday, March 8th for instance) and signs the same in the proper place below. The pupil before leaving the library, and checking in his book, must fill in the data called for, i.e.

1. Subject. This refers to the subject for which he has done library work.
2. Teacher. This refers to the teacher for whom the library work has been done.
3. Title of Book.
4. Author of Book.
5. From page to page. Pages actually read during the time he was in the library.
6. Number of pages read.

These slips are presented to the Study Hall teacher and the librarian as usual O. K.'s, and adds time of leaving. Pupils must fill out form completely before RETURNING BOOK OR PRESENTING SAME TO LIBRARIAN FOR O. K.

The STUDY HALL teachers are asked to sort out the slips for their own period BY TEACHERS. At the close of the day these slips are distributed by the office help to the various teachers.

The classroom teachers thus have a record of the work done during school hours in their subjects, and these pupils may be called upon for reports covering their reading.

Pupils misusing the privilege are to be reported to the office. Each pupil is allowed one study period a day in the library.

RECENT EDUCATIONAL BOOKS

These may be borrowed from the Library Division for one month's loan.

- 370 Rugg, Harold. Primer of graphics and statistics. 1925
- 370.1 Bagley, William C. Determinism in education. 1925
- 370.1 Suzzallo, Henry. Our faith in education. 1924
- 371 Blackhurst, J. Herbert. Directed observation and supervised teaching. 1925
- 371 Irwin, Elizabeth A. and Marks, Louis A. Fitting the school to the child. 1924
- 371 Stormsand, Martin J. Progressive methods of teaching. 1924
- 371.6 Green, L. S. School shop installation and maintenance. 1922
- 372 Edward, A. S. Psychology of elementary education. 1925
- 373 Mearns, Hughes. Creative youth. 1925
- 373 Uhl, Willis L. Principles of secondary education. 1925
- 379 Sears, Jesse B. School survey. 1925
- 379 Strayer, George D. and others. Problems in educational administration. 1925

- 511 **Roantree, William F. and Taylor, Mary S.** Arithmetic for teachers. 1925.
- 511 **Buswell, Guy Thomas and Judd, C. H.** Summary of educational investigations relating to arithmetic. 1925
- 607 **Prosser, Charles A. and Allen, C. R.** Vocational education in a democracy. 1925
- 807 **Gray, William Scott.** Summary of investigations relating to reading. 1925
- 807 **Wohlfarth, Julia H.** Self help methods of teaching English. 1925

PAMPHLET MATERIAL FOR YOUR VERTICAL FILE

Recommended by Harriet Dutcher,
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